

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. **(currently amended):** Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising:
  - a welt core, and
  - a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;
  - a ~~laterally protruding~~ welt flap ~~laterally protruding from said welt core and having~~ opposing ends,  
characterised in that ~~wherein~~ the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element  
integrally formed therewith ~~and projecting therefrom, and~~  
wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and  
another textile fabric.
2. **(currently amended):** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the fastening element protrudes laterally from the welt flap.
3. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein  
the welt has a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, the welt core is formed elongate along the

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transverse axis of the welt and the fastening element protrudes laterally in the longitudinal direction of the welt flap.

4. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element between a welt core end and ~~a~~ free end of the welt flap.

5. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that there is~~ wherein the at least one fastening element is a first fastening element and the welt further comprises a second fastening element at the ~~a~~ free end of the welt flap.

6. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are arranged on the opposing ~~peripheral~~ ends of the welt flap.

7. **(currently amended)** Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first and second fastening elements are rod-shaped.

8. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ 5, wherein the first fastening element extends in the direction of the welt-core end of the welt flap and the second fastening element extends to the free end of the welt flap.

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9. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 7, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the angle between the rod-shaped first and/or second fastening element and the welt flap is 42°.

10. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ 5, wherein the distance between the welt-flap ends of the first and second fastening elements along the welt flap is substantially one third of the entire length of the welt flap.

11. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free end of the welt flap ~~in~~ and has an anchor-shape to form an anchor tip.

12. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the anchor ~~tips~~ tip of the fastening element ~~lie~~ lies in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

13. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at ~~the~~ a free end of the welt flap in a Christmas-tree shape.

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14. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 13, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the branches of the Christmas-tree shaped first fastening element extend to the welt core end of the welt flap and lie in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

15. **(Currently Amended)** Welt according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that in~~ wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap.

16. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first and/or second fastening element is provided with recesses in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

17. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the distance between adjoining first and/or second fastening elements in the longitudinal direction is substantially equal to the length of the first and/or second fastening element in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

18. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the fastening element is cylindrical with a recess ~~around the welt flap~~ therein.

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19. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the welt core has a circular section.

20. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the welt flap has a rod-shaped section.

21. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the fastening element is a recess on the welt flap.

22. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 21, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the recess ~~passes through an angular range of 360 around the periphery of the welt flap is~~ annular.

23. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 21, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the recess is in the interior of the welt flap and the recess is bottle-head shaped.

24. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the welt core is made of rubber.

25. **(currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the welt flap is made of weldable polypropylene.

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**26 and 27: Cancelled.**

**28. (currently amended)** Welt according to claim 26, ~~characterised in that~~ 1, wherein the welt flap extends beyond the decorative material.

**29. (currently amended)** Welt according to claim 26, ~~characterised in that~~ 1, wherein the decorative material terminates flush with the fastening element.

**30. (currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the welt core and the welt flap are formed in one piece.

**31. (currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the rigidity of the welt flap is greater than the rigidity of the welt core.

**32. (currently amended)** Welt according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the welt forms a complete ring.

**33. Cancelled.**

**34. (currently amended)** Welt according to claim 32, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the welt flap comprises a first fastening element operatively connected with a second fastening element that may be coupled to the welt flap.

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**35. (Currently Amended)** Welt according to claim 32, ~~characterised in that~~  
wherein the second fastening element is a metal clip.

**36 (new):** Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular  
components used in the automobile industry, comprising:

- a welt core, and
- a laterally protruding welt flap,

wherein the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed  
therewith;

wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free end of the  
welt flap; and

wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second  
fastening element protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt  
flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap.

**37 (new):** Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular  
components used in the automobile industry, comprising:

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- a laterally protruding welt flap,

wherein the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed  
therewith;

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wherein fastening element is a recess on the welt flap located in the interior of the welt flap, the recess having a bottle-head shape.